

AMENDMENTS TO LB 561

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER84)

Introduced by Coash

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that
3 the alternative response to reports of child abuse or neglect model
4 developed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section be implemented
5 in designated sites under the Child Protection Act no earlier than
6 July 2014.

7 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
8 convene interested stakeholders and families to develop a model for
9 alternative response to reports of child abuse or neglect under the
10 Child Protection Act. The model shall include:

11 (a) Methodology for determining the location of sites for
12 initial implementation of alternative response;

13 (b) An estimate of the percentage of reports of child
14 abuse or neglect eligible for alternative response;

15 (c) Eligibility criteria for alternative response;

16 (d) The process to determine eligibility for alternative
17 response;

18 (e) The assessment protocol and tools to be used for
19 alternative response;

20 (f) The role of child abuse and neglect investigative
21 teams and child abuse and neglect treatment teams in implementation
22 sites;

1 (g) How, with whom, and what alternative response data
2 will be shared;

3 (h) The criteria and process for transition of families
4 from an alternative response to a traditional investigation;

5 (i) The criteria and process for families who refuse an
6 alternative response;

7 (j) The plan to address the continuum of services needed
8 for families receiving an alternative response;

9 (k) An overview of critical training elements for both
10 staff who implement and stakeholders involved with alternative
11 response implementation;

12 (l) A description of the evaluation component;

13 (m) The relationship of alternative response to Title
14 IV-E waiver applications of the Department of Health and Human
15 Services under the federal Social Security Act;

16 (n) A plan to communicate and update interested
17 stakeholders and families with regard to the alternative response
18 planning process;

19 (o) The identification of statutory and policy changes
20 necessary to implement the alternative response model, including
21 a procedure that provides that reports of child abuse and neglect
22 which receive an alternative response shall not receive a formal
23 determination and the subject of the report shall not be entered
24 into the central register of child protection cases maintained
25 pursuant to section 28-718;

26 (p) A budget for implementing and sustaining an
27 alternative response model;

1 (q) The mechanisms of oversight and accountability in the
2 alternative response model; and

3 (r) A determination of how alternative response service
4 providers will be selected.

5 (3) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
6 provide the model developed under subsection (2) of this section
7 in a report to the Nebraska Children's Commission by November
8 1, 2013, for the commission's review. The Nebraska Children's
9 Commission shall electronically submit the report and review to the
10 Legislature by December 15, 2013.

11 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal
12 references accordingly.